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- (ii) Before 1978, a member of the uniformed services is considered to have been paid additional wages of \$300 for each calendar quarter after 1956 in which the individual is paid any amount of basic pay.
- (3) Basic pay. Basic pay means the monthly pay prescribed by 37 U.S.C. 203 (Pay and Allowances for the Uniformed Services) for a member of the uniformed services on active duty or on active duty for training.
- (4) Compensation. "Compensation" refers to the remuneration received for services as a member of a uniformed service, based on regulations issued by the Secretary concerned (as defined in 37 U.S.C. 101(5) under 37 U.S.C. 206(a), where such member is not entitled to the basic pay (as defined by paragraph (3) of this section).
- (d) Payments to volunteers and volunteer leaders in the Peace Corps. If you are a volunteer or volunteer leader under the provisions of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501ff), payments for your services are wages with the exception of amounts in excess of the amounts certified as payable under section 5(c) or 6(1) of the Peace Corps Act. Amounts certified under those sections are considered to have been paid to the individual at the time the service is performed. See §404.1018(e) on coverage of these services.
- (e) Moving expenses. We do not include as wages amounts paid to, or on behalf of, an employee for moving expenses if it is reasonable to believe that a similar deduction is allowable under section 217 of the Code.
- (f) Payments by employer to survivor or estate of former employee. We do not include as wages any payment by an employer to a survivor or the estate of a former employee after the calendar year in which the employee died.
- (g) Payments to an employee who is entitled to disability insurance benefits. We do not include as wages any payments made by an employer to an employee if at the time such payment is made—
- (1) The employee is entitled to disability insurance benefits under the Act;
- (2) The employee's entitlement to such benefits began before the calendar year in which the employer's payment is made; and

- (3) The employee performed no work for the employer in the period in which the payments were paid by such employer (regardless of whether the employee worked in the period the payments were earned).
- (h) Tips. (1) We include as wages tips received by an employee if—
  - (i) The tips are paid in cash; and
- (ii) The tips amount to \$20 or more and are received in the course of employment by an employee in a calendar month
- (2) Cash tips include checks and other forms of money. Tips received in a form other than cash, such as passes, tickets, or other goods are not wages. If an employee works for more than one employer in a calendar month, we apply the \$20 tip test to work done for each employer.
- (i) Payments by employer under group legal services plan. We do not include as wages any contribution, payment, or service, provided by an employer under a qualified group legal services plan which is excludable from the gross income of an employee, or the employee's spouse or dependents, under section 120 of the Code.

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#### §404.1059 Deemed wages for certain individuals interned during World War II.

(a) In general. Persons who were interned during any period of time from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946, by the United States Government at a place operated by the Government within the United States for the internment of United States citizens of Japanese ancestry are deemed to have been paid wages (in addition to wages actually paid) as provided in paragraph (c) of this section during any period after attaining age 18 while interned. This provision is effective for determining entitlement to, and the amount of, any monthly benefit for months after December 1972, for determining entitlement to, and the amount of, any lump-sum death payment in the case of a death after December 1972, and for establishing a period of disability.

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- (b) Information needed to process deemed wages. Unless we have already made a determination on deemed wages for a period of internment of an individual, any person applying for a monthly benefit, a recalculation of benefits by reason of this section, or a lump-sum death payment, must submit certain information before the benefit or payment may be computed on the basis of deemed wages. This information is—
- (1) The place where the individual worked before internment;
- (2) The highest hourly wage before internment;
  - (3) The place and date of internment;
- (4) Date of birth (if not previously furnished):
- (5) Whether or not another Federal benefit is being received based wholly or in part upon the period of internment; and
- (6) In the case of a woman, her maiden name.
- (c) Amount of deemed wages. The amount of wages which may be deemed is determined as follows:
- (1) Employed prior to internment. If the individual was employed before being interned, the deemed wages are the greater of—
- (i) The highest actual hourly rate of pay received for any employment before internment, multiplied by 40 for each full week during the period of internment; or
- (ii) The Federal minimum hourly rate in effect for the period of internment, multiplied by 40 for each full week during that period.
- (2) Self-employed or not employed prior to internment. If the individual was self-employed or was not employed before the period of internment, the deemed wages are the Federal minimum hourly rate in effect for that period, multiplied by 40 for each full week during the period.
- (d) When wages are not deemed. Wages are not deemed under this section—
- (1) For any period before the quarter in which the individual attained age 18; or
- (2) If a larger benefit is payable without the deemed wages; or
- (3) If a benefit based in whole or in part upon internment is determined by any agency of the United States to be

payable under any other law of the United States or under a system set up by that agency. However, this exception does not apply in cases where the failure to receive deemed wages reduces the primary insurance amount by 50 cents or less.

(e) Certification of internment. The certification concerning the internment is made by the Archivist of the United States or his or her representative. After the internment has been verified, wages are deemed to have been paid to the internee.

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#### § 404.1060 [Reserved]

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

### § 404.1065 Self-employment coverage.

For an individual to have self-employment coverage under social security, the individual must be engaged in a trade or business and have net earnings from self-employment that can be counted as self-employment income for social security purposes. The rules explaining whether you are engaged in a trade or business are in §§ 404.1066 through 404.1077. What are net earnings from self-employment is discussed in §§ 404.1080 through 404.1095. Section 404.1096 describes the net earnings from self-employment that are counted as self-employment income for social security purposes. See §404.1913 for the effect of a totalization agreement on self-employment coverage. An agreement may exempt an activity from coverage as well as extend coverage to an activity.

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# § 404.1066 Trade or business in general.

For you to be covered as a self-employed person for social security purposes, you must be engaged in a trade or business. You can carry on a trade or business as an individual or as a member of a partnership. With some exceptions, the term *trade or business* has the same meaning as it does when used in section 162 of the Code.